

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### See You Next Month

Just a reminder that "the little paper" will be skipping its next issue (which would have come out on Friday, July 19) so that its hard-working staff can take a much-needed and well-deserved vacation. Look for the next issue on Friday, August 2.

### Tax Refund Available

A recent decision by a Wayne County Circuit Court judge requires the County of Wayne to refund more than \$7, according to local real-estate attorney Brian A. Oakley. The refunds were ordered as a result of an overcharge on County real-estate-transfer taxes since 1990.

Oakley suggests that anyone who has sold property located in Wayne County between the dates of January 11, 1990, and May 10, 1996, should look into this refund further.

"In actuality," he explained, "the individual refund amounts will probably not be great – 20 cents per \$500 of sale price plus two-percent interest." For instance, a person who sold a home for \$100,000 during this period would be entitled to \$40 plus interest.

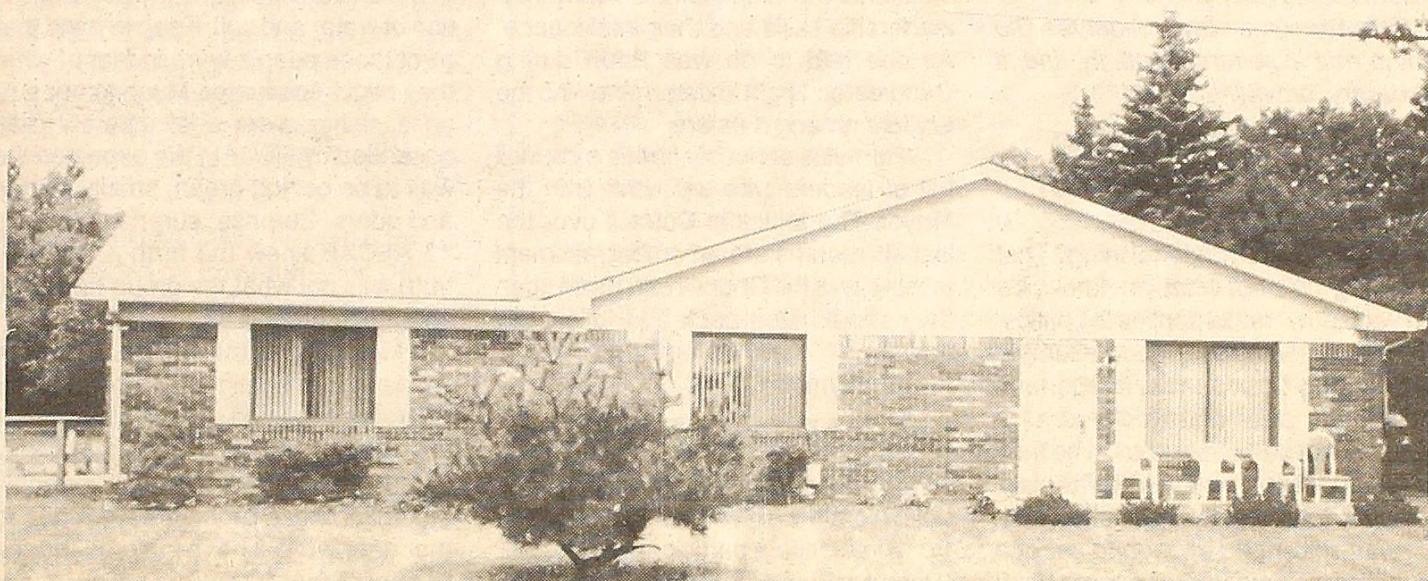
According to Oakley, Wayne County has been charging 40 cents more than any other county in the State for each \$500 of sale price.

Those interested in collecting their refund must go to 415 Clifford in downtown Detroit. The Tax Refund Center may be reached at (313) 224-0696.

### Women Wanted

The YWCA is looking for six women who represent the heart and soul of western Wayne County for its 1996 Women of Achievement Award. A winner will be chosen in each of these categories: arts/communications, business/industry, government/law, profession; volunteer service, and young women. Nominations must be received by September 16, 1996. For nomination forms, call the YWCA at (313) 561-4110.

## Romulus Group Home Charged with Medicaid Fraud, Says Attorney General



Among those charged with Medicaid fraud are S. Howard Homes, Inc., the operators of this Romulus group home, located at 9650 Tobine.

Michigan Attorney General Frank J. Kelley and Department of Community Health Director James K. Haveman, Jr., recently announced that charges of Medicaid fraud have been filed against three individuals and three corporations operating group homes throughout southeastern Michigan. The charges were filed in 32-B Municipal Court in Grosse Pointe Park and 36th Judicial Court in Detroit.

Those named in Attorney General Kelley's complaints, and the charges they face, are:

- Shirley Howard-Coates, age 50, of Grosse Pointe Park – three counts of conspiracy to commit Medicaid fraud, five counts of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses over \$100, and nine counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100.
- Mary Lee Patillo, age 53, of Detroit – four counts of conspiracy to commit Medicaid fraud, four counts of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses over \$100, and six counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100.
- Joseph Samuel Coates, Jr., age 48, of Detroit – one count of conspiracy to commit Medicaid fraud, one count of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses over \$100, and one count of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100.
- S. Howard Homes, Inc., Grosse Pointe Park, which operates three group homes (Linda Vista Court Alternative Intermediate Services [AIS], Belleville; Truman AIS, Rockwood; and Shook-Tobine Community Living Facility [CLF], Romulus) – three counts of conspiracy to commit Medicaid fraud, four counts of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses over \$100, and eight counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100.
- Patillo, Inc., Detroit, which operates two group homes (Kurtz Road AIS, Holly; and Garretson CLF, Oxford) – three counts of conspiracy to commit Medicaid fraud, three counts of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses over \$100, and four counts of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100.
- El-Shaddai, Inc., Grosse Pointe Park – one count of conspiracy to obtain money under false pretenses over \$100 and one count of obtaining money under false pretenses over \$100.

The charges are the result of a lengthy investigation by Kelley's Health Care Fraud Division, Department of Community Health, and Royal Macabees Insurance Company of Southfield.

The investigation uncovered two schemes supposedly developed by the defendants to illegally obtain Medicaid

funds and insurance benefits. In the first scheme, the defendants allegedly billed Medicaid for employees providing direct care to patients when, in fact, the employees were only providing administrative functions.

In the second scheme, it is alleged that the defendants purchased life-insurance policies from the Royal Macabees Insurance Company on behalf of their employees, naming themselves as the beneficiary, when, in fact, the employees named in the policy were seriously ill, noneligible individuals staying at the group homes.

Said Kelley, "In this case alone, over \$200,000 may have been illegally obtained. It is reprehensible when someone illegally takes money intended to help those in need. Medicaid fraud victimizes all taxpayers in Michigan. I fully intend to prosecute these types of cases to the fullest extent possible."

Haveman said: "The discovery of this fraud through a department audit and the joint investigation with the Attorney General's office should serve as a strong reminder that we will not tolerate any attempt to take advantage of vulnerable people. The overwhelming majority of community-based providers are compassionate and conscientious care-givers. But, if a provider tries to take advantage of those in their care, we will discover it, investigate it, and prosecute it." □

# Letters to the Editor

*Editor's note: All letters to the editor must contain the writer's signature and a telephone number where he/she can be reached in order to verify the letter's authenticity. Names will be withheld by request if, in our opinion, the letter's content merits anonymity.*

The Romulus News reserves the right to edit all letters for clarity and, if necessary, brevity.

## Council Leadership Needed, Says Reader

Letter to the Editor:

Isn't politics a wonderful thing? That old saying, "It's not what you know, it's who you know" really applies in politics.

Romulus is a really good example of that saying, based on our last general election. It's clear that Romulus as a whole did not decisively know who they wanted as Mayor; however, it was clear that ex-Mayor Beverly McAnally's support was still strong enough to get one Councilperson elected who is not helping Romulus. This letter is not directed to that problem, but more to an issue of who should have been on Council.

After watching the Council for six months or so, it is clear to me we need more leadership there. Councilpersons Mary Collins, Bill Crova, and Jimmie Raspberry are clearly leaders. Councilman Mike Prybyla tries hard to follow well. Councilman Randy Gear does his best, but needs to improve and act more professionally. I'm not sure what Councilman Bill Wadsworth is doing, but he is not leading. So we have three leaders, two followers, and Wadsworth. That means the leaders are outnumbered by others who are either caught up in political bickering originating from McAnally, or they just truly do not know how to run a city.

It's so simple to see that, where political bickering goes on, nothing useful ever gets accomplished. We see this in Washington with President Clinton and the Congress. We see it in Romulus with some on Council who simply will not work with Mayor Bill Oakley.

What am I trying to say? It's sad that as early as six months into this term, it's clear that nothing really useful will happen in Romulus for at least a year and a half. The first improvement that should be made is that Council should keep all of the personal attacks out of the Council meetings. The second improvement needed involves finding some leaders. Two individuals who did not make it onto the Council who truly are leaders are Robert McLachlan and Gwen Sibert. They are occasionally loud and ver-

bose, but they are leaders and they obviously care deeply for the people of Romulus. We need their strength, and I hope the people in Romulus will see through those on Council who can't lead and allow Ms. Sibert and Mr. McLachlan to help Romulus with their leadership skills and their intelligence. All one had to do was listen during Candidates' Night to determine who the leaders amongst us are.

Romulus seriously needs a council full of leaders who will work with the Mayor. The antics at Council over the last six months are an embarrassment to this city. If the Council can't lead, then they should step back and follow our mayor.

Anonymous

## RECAP Sells Emotion, Not Facts, Says Reader

Letter to the Editor:

I was once a participant in RECAP (Romulus Environmentalists Care About People), but I am not any longer because they are not fighting "the good fight."

It seems to me that this is RECAP's motto: "We can't fight EDS (Environmental Disposal Systems) on a technical level, so all we can do is try to destroy the credibility of the people involved." This sounds a lot like, oh well, if we can't fight on the basis of the facts, we'll just speculate, accuse, and make things up, no matter who we hurt. This is what has been and is still going on in Romulus.

Again and again, we see the same sort of behavior. RECAP refuses to deal with facts, only emotion. Like many other cultist groups, there are a limited few who control the flow of information to its members. The followers generally do not question those in control.

What happens when someone questions those in control? What happens when someone asks a question that those in control do not approve of?

Well, let me tell you a little story. A group of people in Taylor were approached by RECAP to join in "the good fight" against EDS. RECAP came to Taylor and presented a video about a deepwell facility in Winona, Texas. This video showed a series of atrocities to animals and humans that RECAP said were due to the well there. We listened to RECAP and then asked for information on the well from EDS. After reviewing EDS' information, we asked EDS about the Winona, Texas deepwell. We also asked EDS if they could take a group from Taylor, including any inter-

ested City officials, down to Winona, Texas, to see the truth about Winona.

In February, a small group of people (including myself) made a trip to Winona, Texas, to investigate claims of illness, deaths, and birth defects in both humans and animals, and the contamination of water and soil. Keep in mind that all of these people were in fear of what they might encounter. Much to our surprise, things were a lot different than described by RECAP. We expected the well to be oozing green, smelly sludge and odors. Surprise, surprise – or was it? RECAP knew the truth – and that truth was not what the group has been spreading around.

Mrs. Glazer, the wonderful lady in Texas who is fighting the project there, told us that she had specifically told R.P. Lilly (one of RECAP's leading spokespersons) not to go around telling people that all of these problems were due to the deepwell. The problems at the Winona, Texas facility are not due to the deepwell, but due to a separate facility on the same property that reprocesses dangerous solvents, like Michigan Re-

covery (EQ) does on Van Born Road in Romulus, Michigan. As we saw it, the problems at the solvent recovery facility are due to loading, unloading, and storage procedures associated with the solvents, not the deepwell.

**Proverbs 15:14** – A wise man is hungry for truth, while a mocker feeds on trash.  
**Proverbs 12:19** – Truth stands the test of time; lies are soon exposed.

**Proverbs 11:11** – The good influences of godly citizens cause a city to prosper, but the moral decay of the wicked drives it downhill.

**Proverbs 6:14** – He is always thinking up new schemes to swindle people. He stirs up trouble everywhere.

**Psalms 120:2** – Deliver me, O Lord, from liars.

It is clear, Mr. Lilly, that you don't want the well, but don't lie to the people about whether it can be done safely and don't mislead the citizens of Romulus and Taylor. Your righteous attitude and behavior is pathetic.

Very truly yours,  
 Mrs. Susan Cislo  
 Taylor

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## U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY PUBLIC NOTICE UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL PROGRAM

### PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to notify the public that a permit re-application has been submitted by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc. (EDS), for the existing Well #1-20 in Romulus, Michigan. EDS has also submitted two new permit applications for two commercial hazardous waste injection wells (Wells #1-12 and #2-12), also to be located in Romulus, Michigan.

### AUTHORITY

The Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) requires the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to administer Underground Injection Control (UIC) programs in states which do not have approved UIC programs. Michigan has not acquired primacy over the UIC program, therefore USEPA is administering the UIC program pursuant to regulations at 40 CFR Part 147. The operator is seeking permission of the USEPA for permits pursuant to 40 CFR Parts 144 and 146, under the procedures set forth in 40 CFR 124.5.

### FACTS

**EPA Permit #MI-163-1W-0006:** One existing Class I commercial hazardous waste disposal well (Well #1-20) owned by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., of Romulus, Michigan, located in Wayne County: SE 1/4, Section 20, T3S, R9E; located near the intersection of Wahrman and Northline roads, Romulus, Michigan.

**EPA Permits #MI-163-1W-0007 and #MI-163-1W-0008:** Two proposed Class I commercial hazardous waste disposal wells (Wells #1-12 and #2-12) to be owned by Environmental Disposal Systems, Inc., of Romulus, Michigan, located in Wayne County: SE 1/4, Section 12, T3S, R9E; located on Citrin Drive off of Inkster Road, Romulus, Michigan.

The applications are for the commercial disposal of hazardous waste through injection wells. The wells would inject into a confined interval approximately 4000 feet below ground surface.

**Permit Writer:** David Werbach (313) 886-4242.

A copy of each application is available for viewing at: Romulus Public Library, 11121 South Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174. Summer viewing hours are: Monday-Tuesday-Wednesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; and Friday, noon - 5 p.m.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

The USEPA encourages written comments on these permit applications. Please send any written comments to the address listed below. A public notice will be sent out and a public hearing held before any permit decision is made regarding this site. Please send your name to the address below if you wish to be added to or removed from the mailing list for either site. All data submitted by the applicant for these permit actions is part of the administrative records and is available for review between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the address listed below. It is recommended that you telephone the Permit Writer before visiting the Region V office, or for obtaining information on this notice.

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## Jacqueline Kennedy Stamps Are a Piece of Camelot

Just weeks after a small group of the rich and famous paid over \$34 million for 1195 lots from the Jacqueline Kennedy auction, collectors are suddenly racing to obtain a Limited Edition set of nine commemorative postage stamps that were just issued in honor of the former First Lady.

"This commemorative stamp issue may be the only Jacqueline Kennedy collectible that is within reach of the average collector," stated John Van Emden of the International Collectors Society, worldwide distributor of the stamps. "And this is only because the low issue price was established before the recent auction."

Each of the nine colorful stamps has a face value of 200 Francs, and is about four times the size of a regular U.S. stamp. They are legal for postage in The Republic of Chad, and are accepted by every postal authority around the world.

"The auction proved these stamps are clearly priced way below what col-

lectors would be willing to pay for them, but in fairness to collectors, we will be honoring our original issue price until out supplies run out," Van Emden added. "In fact, we opted for a first-come, first-served sale instead of an auction for these Limited Editions to give everyone an equal chance of obtaining a set."

Experts are already predicting that this stamp issue may be the fastest selling collectible stamp ever. "They're really quite stunning with all the colorful images printed together on the same commemorative sheet," he said.

Gotta have 'em? They are available for a short time at their original issue price of \$9.95 (plus \$3 postage and handling) for the complete set of nine different stamps. Buyers also receive a numbered Certificate of Authenticity attesting to their Limited Edition status. The most you can buy is six sets. Contact The International Collectors Society, 10045 Red Run Boulevard, Suite 170PRY, Owings Mills, MD 21117, or call toll free: 1-800-671-0070. □



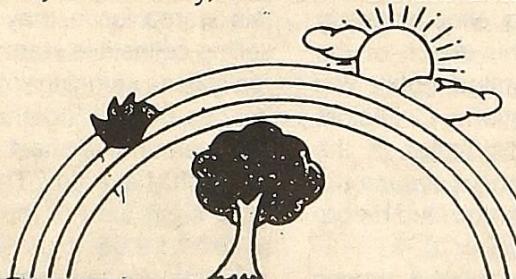
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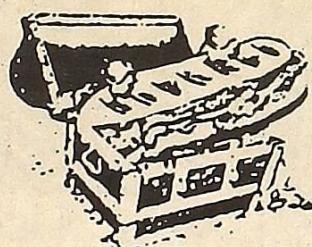


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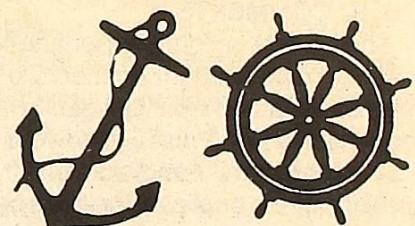
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- **"African Form and Imagery" Continues**—An exhibition of approximately 70 outstanding works of African art acquired by Detroit-area collectors since 1977 will continue on display at the Detroit Institute of Arts through the end of the year. Cultures represented in the exhibition—which began June 22—include the Luba, Kongo, Fang, and Yoruba. Museum hours are: Wednesday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; weekends, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, call 833-7900.
- **Prenatal Education**—Oakwood Hospital Annapolis Center—Wayne will host a six-session program for expectant parents on Saturdays at 8 a.m. beginning July 13, or on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. beginning July 25. For more information, or to register, please call 467-4570.
- **Mud Day**—Combine 200 tons of topsoil and 20,000 gallons of water, and you create every child's fantasy—and every mother's nightmare. That's Mud Day, set for 11 a.m. on Tuesday, July 9, at the Middle Rouge Parkway, Nankin Mills Picnic Area, in Westland. Highlighting the Wayne County Parks-sponsored event will be the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Mud. For more information, call 261-1990.
- **Preschool Storytime**—"Stories from Around the World"—a free preschool storytime program to be held at the Romulus Public Library for children ages three to five who are ready for independent listening, but are not yet in kindergarten—will feature tales about countries like Japan, Mexico, Russia, Africa, China, Germany, and England. Participants will be able to choose between Tuesday-evening sessions (held at 7 p.m. beginning July 9 and continuing through July 30) and Thursday-morning sessions (held at 10:30 a.m. beginning July 11 and continuing through August 1). Space is limited, so register as soon as possible by stopping in at the Library (11121 South Wayne Road, next to City Hall) during normal business hours (Monday through Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Thursday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Friday, 12 to 5 p.m.) or by calling 942-7589.
- **Italian/Polish Festival**—Italian and Polish food and entertainment—including a special operatic program featuring the Verdi Opera Theatre of Michigan—will highlight the Wayne County Parks Department's Italian/Polish Festival, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday, July 13, and Sunday, July 14. For more information, call 261-1990.
- **Chamber's Annual Golf Outing**—The Greater Romulus Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual golf outing at Willow-Metro Golf Course on Thursday, August 29. Shotgun start for the four-person-team scramble will begin at 8:30 a.m. Donations of \$350 per team or \$85 per person will include cart, refreshments on the course, a steak dinner at the Romulus Progressive Club following play, and cash and other prizes. No refunds will be made. To register, call the Chamber office: 326-4290.
- **Writer Support Group**—Writers Anonymous, a writer support group encompassing all ages and interests, meets at the Romulus Public Library (11121 South Wayne Road) on the first and third Monday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The group's objective is to give honest, constructive criticism and encouragement to its members. For more information, please call the Library at 942-7589.
- **Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery School "Open House"**—The Huron Countryside Co-op Nursery School in New Boston is now accepting applications for the 1996-1997 school year for children ages two-and-a-half to five. For more information, call 782-2115.

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## About 1.6 Million Michiganians To Travel on July Fourth

The 1996 Fourth of July holiday is sure to spark fireworks as motorists move in large numbers to popular vacation destinations. In fact, Michigan is well on track to earning \$6 billion in annual tourism revenues, predicted earlier in the season.

AAA Michigan projects 1.6 million Michiganians will travel 100 miles or more from home during the holiday, which traditionally represents the peak of the summer travel season. Sixty-seven percent of those travelers are heading to a destination within Michigan, an increase of two percent over last year. The majority, 88%, will travel by auto, truck, or recreational vehicle.

AAA Michigan's mid-June survey of 500 Michigan residents found that, while Statewide self-serve regular unleaded fuel prices are about a nickel per gallon more than last year at this time, only eight percent said that the higher prices would impact their travel plans.

As of June 24, the per-gallon price for self-serve regular unleaded averaged \$1.247 outstate, \$1.230 in Metro Detroit.

With Independence Day falling on a Thursday this year, 37% of those surveyed said they will extend their vacation beyond the Fourth of July holiday weekend, to a week's vacation or longer. Most of the Michigan travel destinations will be in the lower peninsula (70%), and these are most likely to be in the Northwest (41%) or Northeast (23%) regions.

A survey of AAA Michigan branches and travel agencies shows Mackinac

Island topping the list for requested information and Triptik routings for Michigan travelers so far this year. In 1996, top summer destinations in Michigan include (in descending order):

- Mackinac Island
- Frankenmuth/Birch Run
- Traverse City
- Holland
- Greenfield Village/Henry Ford Museum
- Charlevoix
- Grand Rapids
- Saugatuck
- Sault Ste. Marie/Soo Locks
- Tahquamenon Falls

The official 102-hour holiday period begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 3, and runs to midnight Sunday, July 7.

During last year's July Fourth holiday period of the same duration, 18 people died in 18 crashes on roads across the State. That's down from the 1994 holiday, when 19 people died in 17 crashes. Half of last year's fatal crashes were alcohol-related and, of the 18 persons killed, 13 had safety belts available for use and only three were belted.

For the 32nd year, AAA Michigan's "Bring 'Em Back Alive!" Holiday News Service will help steer holiday travelers to their destinations throughout the July Fourth holiday period with hourly traffic, safety, and tourism bulletins airing on 140 Statewide radio stations. This summer, AAA Michigan and Henry Ford Health System are encouraging drivers to "Stay Alert, Arrive Alive!" as part of a Statewide campaign against drowsy driving. □

## Congresswoman Rivers Goes Live on the Web!

Want to use the Internet to find out who your Representative is and what she does in Congress?

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Now, a range of congressional services and information are right at people's fingertips. United States Congresswoman Lynn Rivers has just gone on-line with the 13th District Congressional Homepage on the World Wide Web. The address is: [www.house.gov/rivers/](http://www.house.gov/rivers/)

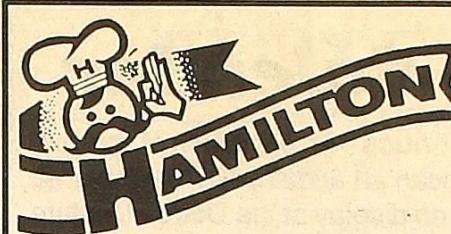
Through it, Net surfers can access information about Congresswoman Rivers, her work in Washington, the congressional committees she serves on, the range of constitu-

ent services available to the 13th District, a profile of the District, and more.

Hotkeys at the site give surfers easy access to a number of Federal Government websites—including the Library of Congress—and an "Upcoming Events" link keeps constituents posted about upcoming coffee hours, forums, and town hall meetings with the congresswoman.

The 13th District Congressional Homepage is designed to give constituents a quick, easy way to access Government information and resources. It is a service provided to all members of Congress through House Information Resources so that Representatives may better serve the public.

For further information, contact Susan Gilman at (202) 225-6261. □

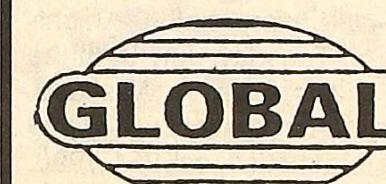


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## Celebrate a Safe July 4th: Observe Fireworks Laws

By Dorothy Nesler

As we approach our nation's 220th birthday, *The Romulus News* would like to remind everyone of the State ordinance which defines both legal and illegal fireworks. Illegal fireworks found in the City of Romulus will be confiscated, held for evidence, and destroyed at a later date.

Remember: The purpose of this law is not to hinder your Independence Day celebration, but to make sure that your holiday isn't spoiled by an accident involving dangerous, illegal fireworks.

Section 750.243a (1a) of the Michigan Penal Code (Act 328 of 1931) defines "fireworks" as "... a device made from explosive or flammable compositions used primarily for the purpose of producing a visible display or audible effect, or both, by combustion, deflagration, or detonation. . ." This definition includes both Class B fireworks, which are illegal, and Class C fireworks, which are legal.

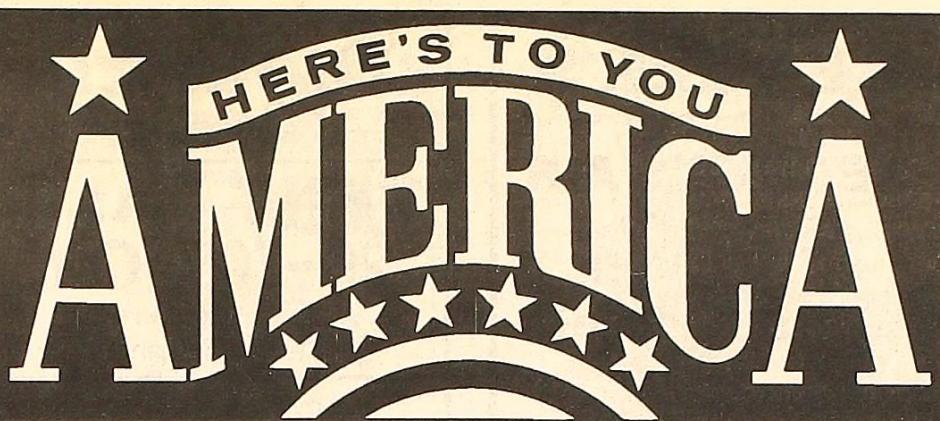
The legal Class C fireworks consist of "... toy smoke devices, toy caps containing not more than .25 grains of explosive mixture, toy propellant devices, cigarette loads, trick matches, trick noise makers, smoke candles, smoke pots, smoke grenades, smoke

signals, hand signal devices, Very signal cartridges, sparklers, explosive auto alarms, and other similar devices." [Sec. 750.243a (1c)]

Illegal, Class B fireworks are "... toy torpedoes, railway torpedoes, firecrackers or salutes that do not qualify as Class C fireworks, exhibition display pieces, aeroplane flares, illuminating projectiles, incendiary projectiles, incendiary grenades, smoke projectiles or bombs containing expelling charges but without bursting charges, flash powders in inner units not exceeding 2 ounces each, flash sheets in interior packages, flash powder or spreader cartridges containing not more than 72 grains of flash powder each, and other similar devices." [Sec. 750.243a (1b)]

Other illegal items include a blank cartridge, blank cartridge pistol, toy cannon, toy cane, or toy gun in which explosives are used; an unmanned balloon which requires fire underneath to propel it and is not moored to the ground while aloft; and firecrackers, torpedoes, skyrockets, roman candles, daygo bombs, bottle rockets, whistling chasers, rockets on sticks, or other fireworks that are of similar construction.

Please use safety sense, and enjoy a safe, happy holiday. □



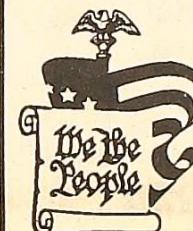
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### Judge William J. Szlinis

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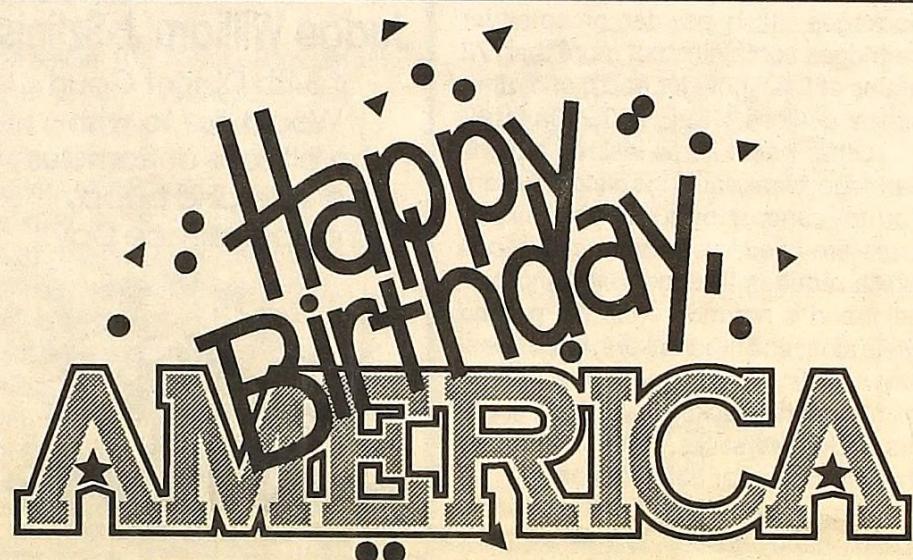
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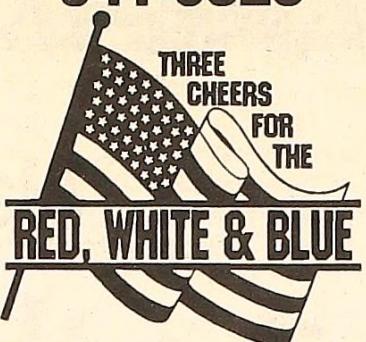
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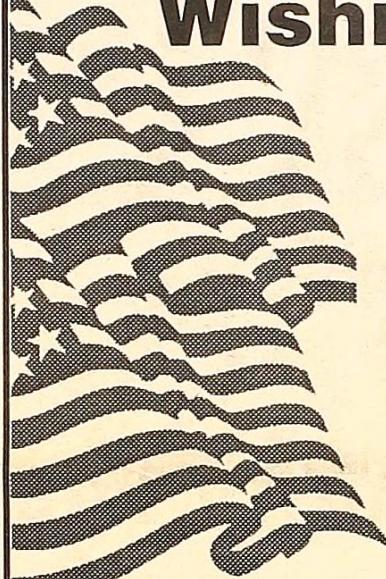
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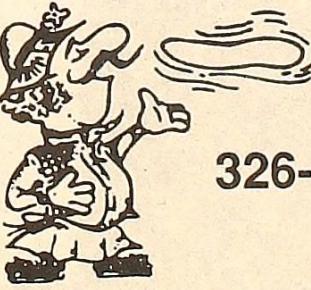
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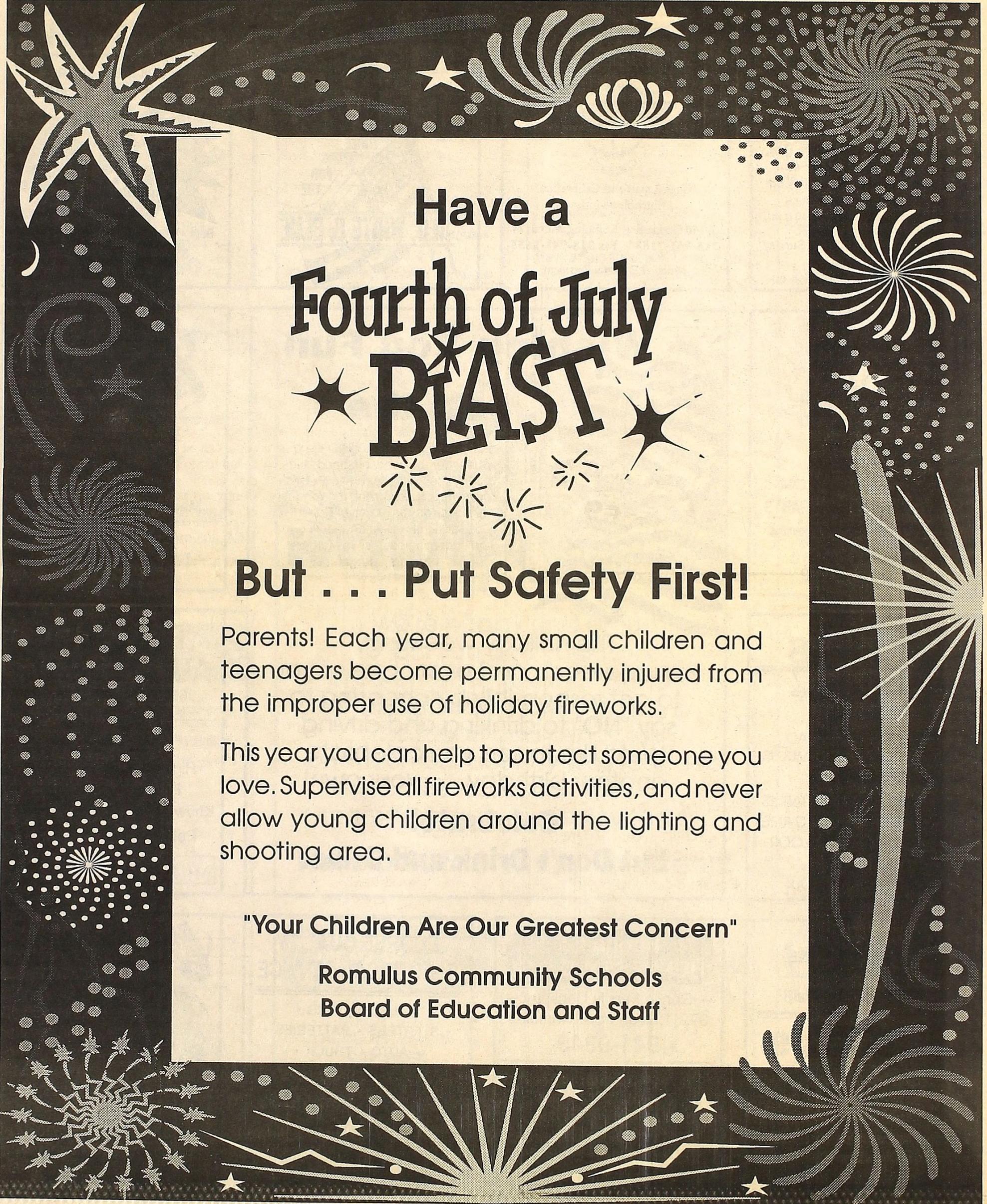
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# "Life Is Too Short . . ."

*Editor's note: "Life Is Too Short" is the second in a series of biographies on local senior citizens written by Romulus High School English teacher Cathy Uring's ninth-grade students and published in the student booklet, Open Up the Doors of the Past. Watch for more biographies in future issues of "the little paper."*



Thelma Griffin

By Susan Suchan and Nicole Sharp

We were picked to interview Thelma Griffin. We discussed many topics with her.

The first topic that we discussed was family. Thelma was born on February 10, 1917 in Mingo, Ohio. She had two brothers and two sisters, but only one brother and one sister are alive today. Thelma's parents were very old-fashioned and very strict; but they were good parents. They were ordinary farmers in Ohio, but then they moved to Brighton. When Thelma was born, her mother was 21 and her dad was 23.

Thelma was married twice. The first time she was married she and her husband had one child. He passed away. Then four years later she remarried and had three children by her second husband. The way she met him was through friends at school. When Thelma first was married, she was 18 and her first husband was 23. Thelma was married, a mother, and a widow all by the age of 21. Thelma said that she had a fun wedding because she eloped. She said it broke her mom's heart because it was out of town, and she was not there; but then her mom got over it.

Thelma said her life was hard when she was married because it was hard taking care of her children who she loves very much. Thelma said the best thing was her children. When Thelma had her first kid she was 19. Thelma had good children. They all were different. They all had different problems, but one thing they all did was show off to their friends. Thelma raised her kids differently than her mom. Thelma was not so strict. Her kids helped around the house because she was working. Thelma

thought it was pretty fun raising her kids because they would have their friends over, and they would play cards too. Thelma said the worst part about her kids was when they were going to drive. Otherwise she didn't have any problems. Another thing that Thelma said was that parents should not spoil their kids and give them everything they want. Thelma feels children control their parents today because parents give their children everything. She also said that now the children think that they can do whatever they want to do.

Thelma attended Tighten High School in Mingo, Ohio. She was one of the many lucky people who finished high school; only 18 graduated when she did. Her favorite subjects were math and language. The subject that she hated the most was history. Thelma said that they would punish kids back then by having the students stand in a corner in the hall. Thelma had to walk to school. The advice Thelma would give today is to "stay in school and study hard."

Thelma said the most important invention of her lifetime was the television because she loves watching it. Before television Thelma would play games and just hang out. Now Thelma thinks the television is her life; she doesn't like the violence on television though. Thelma's favorite car was the 1965 Thunderbird because it was the best car on the road.

Thelma has had a job since she was young. At first she would baby-sit, then she became a waitress. Thelma's last job was a secretary. Thelma retired at the age of 55. She feels senior citizens should work for as long as they want to.

Thelma said that women are different today. When she was a teen women didn't work, they were housewives. Families were different, too. They stayed home more and friends came over. She also said that race relations were not as bad as it is now. She never thought about race as a kid.

Thelma said the historical event during her life was WWII. Her two brothers were in the war. She said everything was rationed during the war. She really liked Governor George Romney.

Thelma's dream was to become a nurse and to work at an office. Thelma has done everything that she wanted to. Thelma's recipe for a long life is to be yourself and nobody else. Her most successful things in life are her children, happiness, and traveling. The goals that Thelma gives teens today are to study, get an education, set goals, and manage your money. Life is too short, do not take many risks, but also do not lead a sheltered life.

We would like to thank Thelma for all her knowledge she gave to us. □

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you are a resident of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your new addition (child or grandchild). If possible, please enclose a photograph of your new arrival. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

**THE ROMULUS NEWS**  
P.O. Box 74038  
Romulus, Michigan 48174-0038

Baby's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

Weight \_\_\_\_\_ Length \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace \_\_\_\_\_

Parents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings \_\_\_\_\_

Maternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Paternal Grandparents \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the birth to this form.

## ENGAGEMENT/WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT FORM

If you, or your parents, are residents of Romulus, *The Romulus News* will be happy to print an announcement of your engagement or wedding. If possible, please enclose a photograph. There is no charge. Just fill out the following information and mail to:

**THE ROMULUS NEWS**  
P.O. Box 74038  
Romulus, Michigan 48174-0038

Bride's Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Name \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Bride's Parents \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Groom's Parents \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Bridesmaids \_\_\_\_\_

Groomsmen \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Engagement \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Wedding \_\_\_\_\_

Place \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Reception \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of person to contact (in case of questions): \_\_\_\_\_

Attach any additional information concerning the wedding or engagement to this form.

## - CHURCH DIRECTORY -

**ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - 36572 Goddard / 941-4014 / Rev. James R. O'Gulin, Pastor / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Service - 7 p.m. / Thursday Youth Night - 7 p.m.

**BALL ROAD TABERNACLE** - 7007 Ball Rd. / 722-9638

**BELLEVILLE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH** - 11900 Belleville Rd. / Belleville / 697-8687 / Rev. Deborah Vanleuven Kerr, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 9:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Craft Circle - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. / Women's Association Meeting - 2nd Tuesday of some months - 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY APOSTOLIC FAITH CHURCH** - 34584 Beverly Rd. / 729-4240 / Elder Reginald Williams, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:15 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m.

**BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 30055 Ecorse Rd. / 728-1845

**BETHANY CHRISTIAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH** - 35737 Vinewood / 326-0810 / Robert L. Gordon, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**BEVERLY HOUSE OF GOD CHURCH** - 34156 Beverly Rd. / 729-6440 / Dr. Lovell Wooden, Sr., Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Thursday Prayer Service - 12 p.m. / Thursday Choir Rehearsal - 6 p.m. / Thursday Bible Study - 7:30 p.m. / Free Transportation - Call 729-6440

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 11338 Ozga Rd. / 941-0236 / Marvin Hawbaker, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Adult Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 9426 S. Wayne Rd. / Office: 721-2585 / Phil Morr, Evangelist / Sunday Bible Study - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Evening Worship - 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY** - 7201 Kempa St. / 729-2283

**CHURCH OF GOD-ROMULUS** - 8770 S. Wayne Rd. / 729-4884 / Parsonage: 729-7234 / Rev. Douglas M. Bishop, Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Children's Church - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:30 p.m. / Family Training Service - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF OUR LORD JESUS MIRACLE TEMPLE** - 36949 Goddard / 941-6070

**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 6200 Fourth St. / 729-0630 / 419-727-0631 / Rev. Hiram McBurrowst, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m.

**COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH** - 11160 Olive St. / 941-3474 / Brad Lewis, Pastor / 941-0736 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m.

**FAITH HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH** - Oakbrooke Villa Club House / 30251 Elm Street (1 Block South of Eureka) / Rev. Earl W. Ellison, Sr., Pastor / 941-4855 or 721-8489 / Sunday School - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m.

**FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD** - 870 Savage Rd. / Belleville / 699-6700 / Kenneth W. Miller, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. - Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Family Night - 7 p.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH** - 11412 Delano St. / 941-0225

**FRiENDSHIP COMMUNITY CHURCH** - 19101 Inkster Rd. / Brownstown / 782-1220 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Adult Bible Study and Sunday School - 11:30 a.m. / Nursery available / Active Drama Team

**MARTIN TEMPLE CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** - 6566 S. Wayne Rd. / 326-1270 / Elder Edward Thomas, Jr., Pastor / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Worship - 12:00 p.m. / Sunday Evening Y.P.W.W. - 6:30 p.m. / Prayer and Bible Study - Tuesday, 7 p.m. / Friday Worship Service - 7 p.m.

**MOUNT OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH** - 35565 Beverly Rd. / 729-2460 / James Thompson, Pastor / 531-1285 / Sunday School - 9:30 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Prayer Meeting - 6:30 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

**NEW FAITH CHAPEL** - 19498 Middlebelt Rd. / 783-1490 / Curt Swick, Pastor / 381-5630 / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6:00 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

**PARKS MEMORIAL A.M.E.** - 11547 Grover St. / 941-0771 / Rev. Jeffery Baker, Pastor / Sunday School - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6 p.m.

**PENTECOSTAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 35625 Vinewood St. / 728-1390 / Rev. Arthur C. Willis, Pastor / 548-5954 / Sunday School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11:30 a.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

**ROMULUS FREEWILL BAPTIST CHURCH** - 9900 Tobine / 941-8810

**ROMULUS WESLEYAN CHURCH** - 37300 Goddard Rd. (5 Points) / 941-1511 / Rev. Donald McClellan, Pastor / 941-4167 / Enrichment Hour - 9:45 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Celebration - 6 p.m. / Family Night - Wednesday, 7 p.m.

**SAINT ALOYSIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH** - 11280 Ozga Rd. / 941-5056 / Daily Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday - 9 a.m. / Communion Service on Thursday at 9 a.m. / Weekend Masses: Saturday - 6 p.m., Sunday - 9 a.m. & 11 a.m. / Holy Day Masses: 9 a.m., 12 Noon, & 7 p.m. / Vigil Mass (evening prior to Holy Day) - 7 p.m. / Confessions: Saturday - 4:30 to 5 p.m.

**SAINT CITY CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST** - 7335 Washington / 595-0629 / Pastor: Elder James Lee Whitehead / Sunday School - 9:30 p.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10:45 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 7 p.m. / Sunday Evening Radio Broadcast on WMUZ-FM 103.5 at 7:30 p.m. / Tuesday Evening Bible Study & Youth Night - 7 p.m. / Choir Rehearsal - Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. / Friday Evening Family Night - 7 p.m.

**ST. PAUL'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH** - 19109 Craig (Post Office 274), New Boston / Robert Allmann, Pastor / Sunday School, Adult Bible Class, & Confirmation Class - 9:00 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 10 a.m. / Wednesday Worship - 7:30 p.m. / Organists: Mrs. Ruth Richer & Mr. Robert Walton / Attended Nursery

**SALVATION ARMY** - 33250 Goddard Rd. / 941-5100

**SECOND MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH** - 11242 Grover St. / 941-0330

**STAR OF BETHLEHEM SPIRITUAL TEMPLE** - 35143 Beverly Rd. / 326-4777

**UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH** - 6312 Wayne Rd. / 721-5052

**WAYNE COURSE CHURCH OF CHRIST** - 7066 Wayncourse / 722-0454 / Earl Truss, Minister / 326-0918 / James Motley, Associate Minister: 561-3108 / Sunday Bible School - 10 a.m. / Sunday Morning Worship - 11 a.m. / Sunday Evening Worship - 6 p.m. / Wednesday Bible Study - 7 p.m.

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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Audry Moomaw, Manager of the Romulus Tower, and to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus, for contributing information to this issue's "Sassy Seniors" column. (Note: For further information about events at the Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call 942-6852.)

### Happy Birthday!

Best wishes for a wonderful birthday to those of my Tower neighbors born in the month of July: Ruby Cartwright, Helen Dobbins, Jessie Green, Juanita Johnson, Esther Lloyd, Rummie Mayle, Kamala Merriweather, Dorothy Spencer, Theresa Standhardt, Ethel Teegue, Thomas Vassallo, and Leatha Whitworth.

### Closed for the Holiday

Just a reminder that the Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Thursday, July 4, in recognition of Independence Day.

### Lunch with Seniors ... by Seniors ... for Seniors

Volunteers at the Romulus Senior Center invite the public to stop in at the Center between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. (while supplies last) on Friday, July 5, to enjoy a luncheon featuring a select menu of modestly priced soup, salad, sandwich, and dessert fare. This once-a-month program - besides providing a pleasant excuse to get together with old and new friends - is a fund-raising project for volunteer activities.

### Know Your Rights

As a Medicaid recipient or Medicare subscriber, are you aware of your rights? Do you know to what care you are entitled? Who you should call for help if you believe you aren't getting the proper medical attention? Whether or not you lose your medical benefits if you leave the country? These and many other questions will be answered at a free program to be held at the Romulus Senior Center at 10 a.m. on Thursday, July 18. Light refreshments will be served. Sign up at the Center.

### Don't Be a Statistic

Did you know that one out of every three people will be the victim of a violent crime - with senior citizens and women the prime targets? Thankfully, there are ways that you can reduce your chances of becoming a crime statistic. To learn more about how you can protect yourself, plan to attend a free presentation to be given at the Romulus Senior Center at 1 p.m. on Monday, July 22. Sign up at the Center.

### Potluck/Ice-cream Social

A Banana Beauty Contest will highlight the Center's next potluck affair, set for 2 p.m. on Friday, July 26. Dress your yellow friend as a baby, clown, fireman, or some other exotic or outlandish figure to try to win a prize in one of the following categories: glamorous, colorful, cute, and unusual. Later, you'll get to strip, peel, and eat your banana in make-your-own banana splits. As always, bring a dish and bring a friend.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about this or other special trips planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman at 942-6852.

- **Soaring Eagle Casino** - No matter what the name of your game, Mt. Pleasant's Soaring Eagle Casino can accommodate your interests with its high-tech bingo hall and selection of slots and gaming tables. The \$40 cost of the one-day trip - set for Friday, August 9 - covers transportation and dinner at a local restaurant.

### Personal Transportation Service

Senior citizens who have no other means of transportation can take advantage of the Romulus Senior Center's personal transportation program. For a fee of \$1, seniors can arrange to be taken anywhere within the City limits in order to conduct personal affairs such as doctor appointments, banking, or shopping. The service is available each Thursday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. only, so it's best to make your reservation as far ahead as possible. Call 942-6852.

### Ask the Attorney

Local attorney Brian A. Oakley will continue his free, twice-monthly "Ask the Attorney" service at the Romulus Senior Center on Tuesday, July 9, and Tuesday, July 30, from 3 to 5 p.m. Both walk-ins (36515 Bibbins) and call-ins (942-6852) are welcome.

### Exercise Classes

The Romulus Senior Center's twice-weekly exercise program - held each Tuesday and Thursday from 9 to 10 a.m. - features light routines designed to increase flexibility and improve strength and tone. The Center recommends that all participants wear comfortable clothing, and urges anyone unused to physical exertion to consult a physician before joining the class.

### Blood-pressure Checks

Romulus senior citizens can have their blood pressure checked, free of charge, at the Romulus Senior Center on Monday, July 8, from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. No appointment necessary.

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**"Redeemer's Quartet" in Concert**

The Redeemer's Quartet – (from left) Tim Yoakum of Monroe (pianist), Lyle Millard of Southgate (bass), Jake Sammons of Wyandotte (baritone; songwriter), Adam Lockhart of Belleville (second tenor), and Michael Rushlow of Melvindale (tenor) – will make a concert appearance at the Community United Methodist Church (11160 Olive at Bibbins, Romulus) at 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 6. There is no admission charge, but a free-will offering will be taken. For more information, please contact the Church: 941-0736.

**ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

**SPECIAL MEETING, JUNE 12, 1996**

The Special Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Tuesday, June 12, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 6:10 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. Administrators Bedell, LaMonica, and Dolan were present. Attorney Thomas Schwarze was also present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

6/96/19 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to convene in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 6:11 P.M. and reconvened in Regular Session at 7:29 P.M.

6/96/20 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to add to the Agenda for June 24, 1996 a letter to Industrial Relations, Inc. to be drafted by Dr. Bedell. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

6/96/21 Moved by Gondek supported by Patterson that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

# ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

## 36540 Grant Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174

### REGULAR MEETING, JUNE 11, 1996

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, June 11, 1996 was called to order by President Debra A. Hoffman at 7:30 P.M.

Roll call showed all Members present. All Administrators were present.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Debra A. Hoffman.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, requested that the agenda be amended as follows: Add Item F.1.: "Parent/Guardian/School Compact".

6/96/5 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the agenda as amended. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

6/96/6 Moved by Gondek supported by Langley to approve the Minutes of May 13, May 20, June 3, and June 4, 1996, as presented. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:****Personnel Actions**

Dr. Samuel B. LaMonica recommended the following personnel actions for Board approval. RETIREMENT: June Henry, Cafeteria, July 1, 1996; Jeanette Sims, Cafeteria, July 1, 1996; Helen Orr, Behavior Specialist, July 1, 1996; and Michael Birmingham, Teacher, July 1, 1996. APPOINTMENT: Douglas Hoffman, Assistant Principal, Senior High School, September, 1996. LEAVE OF ABSENCE: Calvin Rucker, Custodian, Mt. Pleasant, May 17 through September, 1996.

6/96/7 Moved by Langley supported by Oleszkowicz to table the Retirement Resolution for Opal Partin until the meeting of June 24, 1996. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/96/8 Moved by Patterson supported by Kesner to approve the retirement of June Henry, Cafeteria; Jeanette Sims, Cafeteria; Helen Orr, Behavior Specialist; and Michael Birmingham, Teacher. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/96/9 Moved by Berlinn supported by Langley to approve the appointment of Mr. Douglas Hoffman as Assistant Principal, Romulus Senior High School. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

6/96/10 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz to approve the Leave of Absence for Calvin Rucker, Custodian, Mt. Pleasant School, May 17 through September, 1996. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Parent Presentation – Claude Siders**

Ms. Theresa Tuszyński, a Romulus Community Schools' parent, presented an award to Claude Siders on behalf of the Parent Advisory Committee for Wayne County.

**Bills for Payment**

6/96/11 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Berlinn to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. Joel R. Carr, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Operations. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Summer Millage Levy**

6/96/12 Moved by Kesner supported by Berlinn that the Board adopt the following levy for the 1996 Summer Tax Collection:

**All Property:** 2.30 mills Debt; 3.00 mills State Tax.

**Non-homestead:** 18.00 mills Local Operation.

**Homestead:** 7.00 mills Hold Harmless.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Summer Recreation Buses**

6/96/13 Moved by Oleszkowicz supported by Langley to cosponsor the summer recreation program as per the attached request from Ms. Debbie Dick, Recreation Director. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Athletic Trainer – 1996–1997**

6/96/14 Moved by Patterson supported by Berlinn to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve the attached document for certified athletic training services for the 1996–1997 school year. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Parent/Guardian/School Compact**

6/96/15 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz that the Board finance the production of a video explaining the Parent/Guardian/Student/School Compact. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

**Field Trips**

6/96/16 Moved by Patterson supported by Oleszkowicz to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent and approve (retroactively as per fax survey) the attached trip to Cedar Point for Alternative students and the attached trip to Cedar Point for the Junior High School band. Ayes: 6. Nays: 1 (Gondek). Motion carried.

**Communications and Expressions from the Public**

Members of the audience voiced their concerns as they related to the following subjects: 1) Split Classes and Class Sizes; 2) Middle School Encompassing 6–8 Grades; 3) Article Re Schools of Choice; and 4) Board Meeting Location.

**Items of Interest from the Superintendent**

Dr. William M. Bedell, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with the Board of Education: 1) "Thanks" from Mrs. Elam; 2) "Thanks" from Halecreek Volunteers; 3) Service Learning Letter; 4) Grants Received Summary; 5) Police Memo – High School Traffic; and 6) Siders – Medicaid Billing.

**Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members**

Mr. Howard Kesner extended his apologies for not being in attendance at the High School commencement as his daughter, Mandy, was graduating from MIT in Massachusetts.

Mrs. Debra A. Hoffman congratulated Betty Lenossi and Michael Woods on their election to the Board of Education.

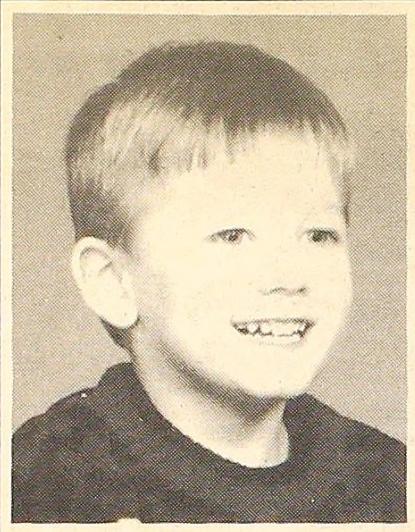
6/96/17 Moved by Gondek supported by Kesner that the Board convene in Executive Session for the purpose of negotiations. Roll call vote showed: Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The Board convened in Executive Session at 8:09 P.M. and reconvened in Regular session at 8:24 P.M.

6/96/18 Moved by Gondek supported by Oleszkowicz that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 7. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,  
Judith A. Gondek, Secretary  
Romulus Board of Education

*In Memory of Cody L. Chafins*

Cody L. Chafins of Romulus, Michigan, died on Saturday, June 29, 1996. He was four years old.

Cody was born to Angela M. and Michael E. Chafins on December 18, 1991, in Ypsilanti, Michigan.

He is survived by his parents; one sister, Keri E. Chafins; his maternal grandparents, Silvia and Arizona Rossier (Ypsilanti, MI); his paternal grandparents, Linda and Terry Kelbassa (Romulus); his maternal great-grandparents, Elisabeth and David Atkinson (Somerset, MI); and his paternal great-grandfather, John Kelbassa (Romulus, MI).

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Reverend Royal Martin (Harmony Baptist Church, Rockwood, MI) officiating. Interment will be at United Memorial Gardens (Plymouth, MI). □

**Obituaries****Eleanor M. Bodis**

Eleanor M. Bodis of Belleville, Michigan, died on Sunday, June 30, 1996, at the age of 82.

Eleanor was born in Detroit, Michigan, on January 20, 1914. The Romulus Flower Shop retiree was also a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church (New Boston, MI) and the Van Buren Senior Citizens Center.

Surviving Eleanor are one son, Robert S. Bodis (Romulus, MI); one

daughter, Miss Arlene Bodis (Southgate, MI); one sister, Mrs. Jack (Mae) Hollenburg (Royal Palm Beach, FL); and four grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Stephen J. Bodis; two brothers; and two sisters.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, July 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with Pastor Robert Herriman officiating. Burial will be at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

**Dorothy M. Britton**

Dorothy M. Britton of Romulus, Michigan, died on Thursday, June 20, 1996. She was 85 years old.

A native of Ypsilanti, Michigan, Dorothy was born on February 13, 1911.

Dorothy is survived by two sons, Samuel E. Britton (Romulus, MI) and William E. Britton (Lincoln Park, MI); four daughters, Mrs. Henry (Ruby) Krzewski (Southgate, MI), Mrs. Paul (Francis) Hack, Mrs. Rex (Inez) Doane (Wayne, MI), and Mrs. Donald (Bernidine) Christmas (Belleville); one sister,

Ms. Bell Durham; 30 grandchildren; 40 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, Leo M. Britton, and one son, Roy D. Britton.

Funeral services were held on Monday, June 24, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church (Romulus, MI), with Father Michael Malawy officiating. Interment was at Parkview Memorial Cemetery (Livonia, MI).

Arrangements were made by Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI).

**Stanley D. Kreft**

Stanley D. Kreft of Romulus, Michigan, died on Friday, June 21, 1996, at the age 56.

Stanley was born on September 8, 1939, in Ossieke, Michigan. The Hayes Wheel employee was also a member of the Allen Park Key Masonic Lodge, and was well known and respected by many in the community for his years of service to the City of Romulus on the Zoning Board of Appeals (chairman since July 1995), the Planning Commission, the Environmental Protection Board, and the Romulus Historical Society.

Surviving Stanley are his wife,

Phyllis J. (McGee) Kreft; one son, Steven N. Kreft (Romulus, MI); one daughter, Mrs. Juan (Susan L.) Tovar (CA); his mother, Adella Dalton (Lachine, MI); and one brother, Richard Kreft (Lachine, MI). He was predeceased by one brother, Robert Kreft.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 25, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus, MI), with former Mayor of Romulus Beverly McAnally giving the eulogy. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock).

Memorial tributes may be made to any charitable organization.

**Timothy Eldon White**

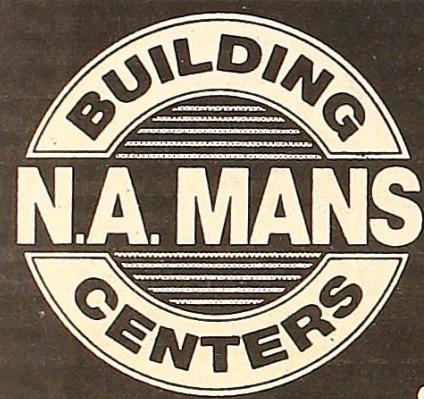
Timothy Eldon White of Clearwater, Florida, died on Tuesday, June 11, 1996, in St. Petersburg, Florida. He was 50 years old.

Timothy was born to Clinton and Elsie White on March 25, 1946, and was a graduate of Romulus High School. He married Karen Bonk on June 15, 1964.

Surviving Timothy are three children – Mrs. Brad (Kimberly) Bonnell (Newport, MI), Mrs. Rick (Shannon) Stover (Belleville, MI), and Heather Blackburn (Romulus, MI) – and four grandchildren (Jacob, Justin, Chad, and Brittney).

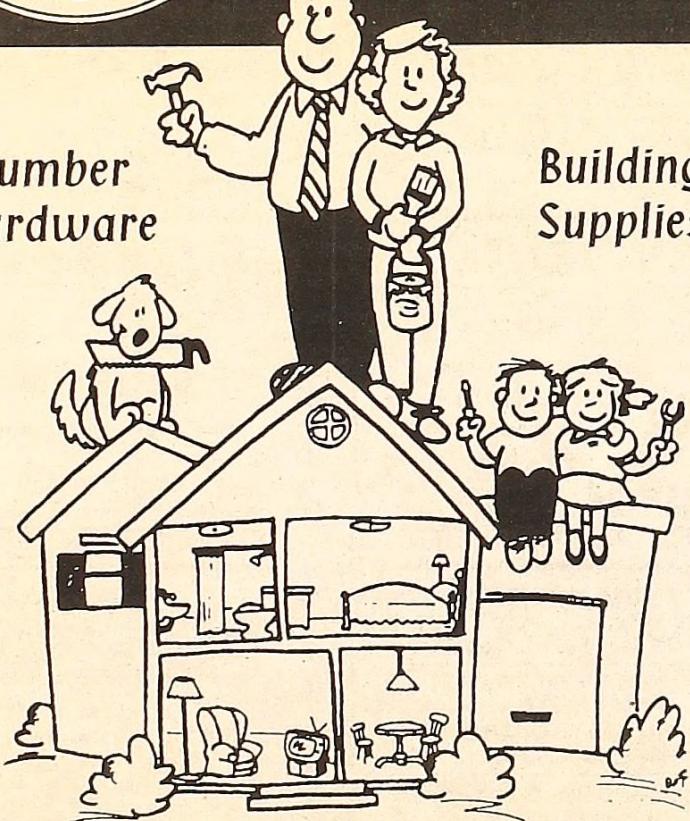
Funeral services were held on Saturday, June 15, at Carman Funeral Home (Peck, MI), with Pastor George White, the deceased's brother, officiat-

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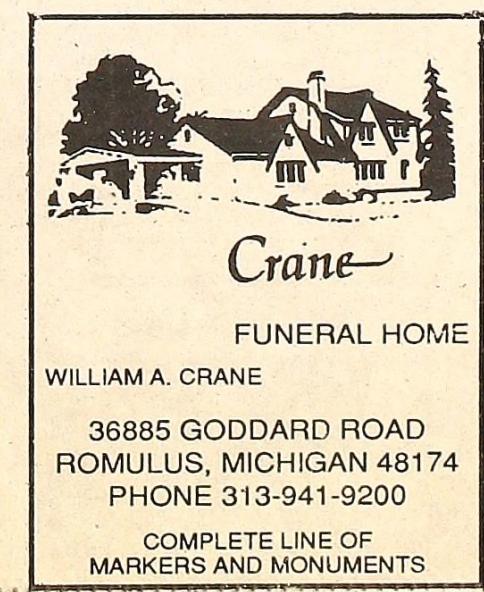
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